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In re Application of:
Michael GUTIN et al.

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Washington, D.C.

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

28. (Amended) A system for handling optical signals passing via optical fiber links from the point of pulse shaping, nonlinearity treatment and/or monitoring, the system comprising two or more signal handling devices according to Claim 13, inserted in one or more optical fiber links and operative to perform pulse shaping, nonlinearity treatment and/or monitoring with respect to at least one optical pulse signal.

## REMARKS

The above amendment to the claims is being made in order to eliminate multiple dependency and for the purpose of

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